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Applicant : JUERGEN WEICHART

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Title: VACUUM TREATMENT CHAMBER AND METHOD FOR
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the decision mailed November 10, 2003 of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 2-5 and 13-36.

Applicant hereby submits the required filing fee of \$330.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(e).

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any such fee or any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #080310.49809US).

Respectfully submitted,

April 12, 2004

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